

IBIA Suspicious Betting Alert 4047

Event Information

AD Guarabira PB v Spartax PB

Paraibano Segunda Divisao

Guarabira, Paraiba, Brazil

15/09/2023 00:00 CET

2:3 (2:1 HT)

SC Lagoa Seca PB v Picuiense PB

Paraibano Segunda Divisao

Cruz do Espirito Santo, Paraiba, Brazil

15/09/2023 00:30 CET

4:2 (1:2 HT)

Summary

An alert was raised in the IBIA platform by Stoiximan who witnessed suspicious betting activity for AD Guarabira PB and Picuiense PB to lose their respective matches. Similar activity was witnessed by Ladbrokes (Entain Group), Bwin (Entain Group) 888William Hill and Altenar. The betting activity indicates the potential involvement of AD Guarabira PB and Picuiense PB in any manipulations.

Description

Stoiximan – reported receiving a highly abnormal volume of bets, from customers registered in Greece and Cyprus, for AD Guarabira PB to lose their match against Spartax PB. The bets were placed with the score at 2:0 to AD Guarabira PB.

The customers were a mix of new accounts and established accounts betting outside of their usual parameters. These customers were also active on another Paraibano Segunda Divisao supporting Picuiense PB to lose their match against SC Lagoa Seca PB when they were leading the match 1:0.

These customers are said to be following a tipster who is regarded by the operator as occasionally having knowledge of manipulated matches. Several of the customers were also active on a previous IBIA alert (3927).

Ladbrokes (Entain Group) – reported receiving suspicious bets from a UK registered customer opposing AD Guarabira PB in their match against Spartax PB and opposing Picuiense PB in their match against SC Lagoa Seca PB, when the two teams were winning their respective matches. The betting activity was significantly out of line with their previous activity.

A report has also been made to the UK Gambling Commission (SBIU) due to the UK account involvement.

Bwin (Entain Group) – reported receiving suspicious activity from two customers registered in Bulgaria and four customers registered in Brazil. The first Bulgarian customer placed combination bets across the two matches of concern (opposing AD Guarabira PB and Piciuense PB) as well as singles bets opposing Piciuense PB in their match against SC Lagoa Seca PB. Notably, one of the bets was a winning the Half-Time / Full-Time double on both matches at 737/1.

The second Bulgarian customer placed six bets on the match between SC Lagoa Seca PB and Piciuense PB in which they opposed Piciuense PB in the match winner market, match winner and total goals (over) and also the Half-Time / Full-Time market (Piciuense PB / SC Lagoa Seca).

The four Brazilian customers were betting across both matches. Some were betting after a period of dormancy and focussed on the Half-Time / Full-Time markets in both matches.

888William Hill - reported receiving suspicious bets from eight customers, registered in the UK but with names common in Greece and Cyprus. The customers were active in opposing AD Guarabira PB in their match against Spartax PB and opposing Piciuense PB in their match against SC Lagoa Seca PB.

All of the customers of concern had established accounts with these bets marking a change of behaviour in terms of stake size and the type of match bet on.

Altenar – reported receiving suspicious bets from one customer, registered in the UK, placing concerning bets on the half-time / full-time markets. The customer was support AD Guarabira PB to win the first half but to lose the match Spartax PB and for Piciuense PB to win the first half but to lose the match against SC Lagoa Seca PB.

The customer seemingly attempted to obscure the targets of their bets by combining them with another selection from English Premier League matches.

Comparative Staking Information

Stoiximan – the stakes of concern accounted for approximately 90% of the total turnover on both matches. These two matches produced turnover approximately four times greater than the other matches played in Paraibano Segunda Divisao on the same night.

Ladbrokes (Entain Group) – The turnover on these two matches was significantly in excess of expectations.

Bwin (Entain Group) – The turnover on these two matches was significantly in excess of expectations.

888William Hill – the stakes of concern accounted for 99% of turnover on the match winner markets in the AD Guarabira PB v Spartax PB match while the stakes of concern accounted for 26% in the match between Piciuense PB and SC Lagoa Seca PB. It should be noted that in the latter match these numbers are lower due to a high staking known customer being active on the match.

Altenar – Comparative staking information is not available at this time.

Sporting Factors and Match Action Analysis

AD Guarabira PB v Spartax PB

- AD Guarabira went into the match having won two and lost one of their first three fixtures of the season. Spartax PB went into the match having won one and draw two of their first three matches of the season.
- This form an home advantage was adequately reflected in the pre-match odds with Guarabira PB installed as strong pre-match favourites, generally offered at 1.40. This implied their probability of victory was 71%.
- [Match statistics](#) indicate that Spartax PB had just one shot on target in the first half.
- To witness such strong support for Spartax PB to win the match while losing against a strong pre-match favourite can only be regarded as suspicious.

SC Lagoa Seca PB v Picuiense PB

- SC Lagoa Seca went into the match having drawn two and lost one of their opening three matches of the season, while Picuiense PB went into the match having won one, lost one and drawn one of their opening three fixture.
- This form and home advantage was adequately reflected in the pre-match odds with home side SC Lagoa Seca installed as favourites, generally offered at 1.90. This implied their probability of victory was 52%.
- [Match statistics](#) indicate that Picuiense PB started the match the better of the two sides recording three shots on target in the first 40 minutes compared to SC Lagoa Seca, who did not achieve a shot on target until the 42nd minute.

Suspicious History

Player/Team	Historically reported matches
AD Guarabira PB	0
Picuiense PB	0

While neither side has featured in a previous IBIA alert it should be noted that Picuense PB U20 team featured as the implicated team in a recent alert (IBIA Aler 3983).

Investigation - Next Steps:

- IBIA Members are committed, through our code of conduct, to assist in any investigations into suspicious betting activity reported by IBIA.
- In order to access customer data please make requests to the below compliance contacts.

Stoiximan	compliance@stoiximan.gr
Ladbrokes & Bwin (Entain Group)	lee.calverly@entaingroup.com
888William Hill	compliance_ibia@williamhill.com
Altenar	Marina.zacharapoulou@altenar.com Cc pantelis.barakos@altenar.com

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